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LLS NO. 19-0865.01 Nicole Myers x4326

SENATE BILL 19-202

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING BALLOT ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the secretary of state is to establish procedures to enable voters with disabilities to independently mark a paper ballot using nonvisual access or low vision access technology whether the voter is voting in a mail ballot election or voting at a polling location.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-5-706 as
3 follows:

4 **1-5-706. Ballot access for voters with disabilities.** THE
5 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENABLE VOTERS
6 WITH DISABILITIES TO INDEPENDENTLY MARK A PAPER BALLOT USING
7 NONVISUAL ACCESS OR LOW VISION ACCESS TECHNOLOGY WHETHER THE
8 VOTER IS VOTING IN A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7.5
9 OF THIS TITLE 1 OR VOTING AT A POLLING LOCATION.

10 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,
11 \$50,000 is appropriated to the department of state for use by the
12 information technology division. This appropriation is from the
13 department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S.
14 To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for
15 personal services.

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
19 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.